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Washington, D.C.- Speaker Nancy Pelosi announced today that the House Democratic Steering Committee approved a second committee assignment for Congressman Albio Sires (NJ-13) to the prestigious Foreign Affairs Committee.

Committee jurisdiction includes relations with foreign nations, international economic policy, international commodity agreements including all agreements for cooperation in the export of nuclear technology and hardware, protection of American Citizens abroad and expatriation, and the United Nations Organizations.

"I look forward to serving on a committee that allows us to review our nation's foreign policy especially our policy toward the Middle East," said Congressman Sires.

"It is a privilege to be afforded the opportunity to participate in the restoration of America's prestige and to work towards strengthening our diplomatic relations with the international community. "

Tom Lantos (D-CA) will Chair the committee. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL) will serve as the ranking Republican member on the committee

The Foreign Affairs Committee will hold a series of hearings on Iraq this month.